

Stakeholder Input Workshop

New!

Agriculture Water Quality Grant Program

State Water Resources Control Board

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AWQGP Stakeholder Workshop

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Introductions

Your Name

Individual Farmer/Owner?

Coalition Group?

Agency?

Consultant ?

Our Objective

**To Have the Agricultural Community
Assist the State Board
in the Development of
a Funding Program
that Meets Actual Needs.**

Program Objectives

**To Improve Surface Water
Quality through
Solving Identified
Problems in
Impaired Waterbodies**

To Meet Program Objectives

- **Baseline Monitoring**
- **Implementation of Management Measures**
- **Demonstration Projects & Research**
- **Effectiveness Monitoring**

Ag Management Measures

Management Measures Include:

- Erosion & Sediment Control
- Nutrients Management
- Pesticide Management

Today's Workshop

- Direction set by Voters, legislature, and SWRCB
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Your input on:

- **Proposal to leverage State program funds to acquire additional federal EQIP funds**
- **Prioritization of projects**
- **Maximum grant amounts**

After Break

Further Input on:

- **Special Assistance and
Funding Considerations, and**
- **Evaluation of Outreach Efforts**

AWQGP Funds



Funds from:

Proposition 40: \$11 M

Proposition 50: \$9.5 M

Federal 319(h): \$6 M (minimum)

Program Minimum: \$26.5 M

Who Is Eligible For Funding?

- **Public agencies**

Cities, Counties, Districts, or State agencies
(eligible under Section 319 of Clean Water Act)

- **Non-profit organizations**

Prop 40 and 50 State Bond Law Requirements

- **Public Participation in
Guidelines Development**
- **Application Assistance to
Disadvantaged Communities**

Prop 40 and 50 State Bond Law Requirements

Funded projects must:

- **Provide Measurable Long-term Water Quality Benefits;**
- **Include a Monitoring Component; and**
- **Comply with CEQA.**

Prop 40 and 50 State Bond Law Requirements

Funded Preference To:

- **Projects addressing pollution to impaired water bodies; and**

Additional Assistance To:

- **Disadvantaged Communities**
 - **Application & Technical Assistance**
 - **Outreach**

AGWQP Workgroup

- **Ca. Dept. of Food and Agriculture**
USDA Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
- **Dept. of Pesticides Regulations**
- **UC Davis**
Biologically Integrated Farming Systems (BIFS) program
- **Regional Board Staff**

SWRCB Directive

- **AWQGP to provide funding for Irrigated Agriculture Lands projects**
- **A local match should be required**
- **Prop 40 funds used for leveraging, as follows**

Leveraging of State Funds

SWRCB and CDFA proposal:

**Use \$10 M of Prop 40 funds for additional
\$50 M (min) USDA EQIP funds.**

EQIP for Implementation

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**\$10M (Prop 40) Funds for Monitoring
of EQIP Projects Only**

Proposal for Remaining Program Funds

**Immediate Administration through
SWRCB Summer 2004 RFP**

Competitive Statewide

Prop 50 Funds (\$9.5M)

- **Use for monitoring or implementation of management measures**

Federal 319(h)

- **TMDL project implementation**

State Board Adopted Guidelines

**To Specify Criteria for Funding
to Grant Recipients**

Steps Towards Guidelines Adoption

Stakeholder Input on Guidelines Development

March 26, 2004 Draft Guidelines Public

Second Round of Stakeholder Workshops

July 7, 2004 State Board Workshop

July 21, 2004 State Board Meeting

Leveraging of Prop 40 Funds

Proposal of CDFA and the SWRCB

First Exercise – Place Your Dot

Leveraging of Funds

State \$10M ➡ State/Federal \$50M

Should SWRCB:

- 1 Leverage Funds Regardless of Uncertainty of Timing? (Do whatever it takes)**
- 2 Revert Funds to Program if Federal Funds Not Granted to CA by October 2004?**
- 3 Don't use State Funds to Gain Federal Funds?
Keep Funds Program with other Prop 50/319(h) \$**

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Exercise No. 2 – Handout

What are your Funding Priorities

Break Time

15 Minutes

Exercise No. 3 – Handout

Application and Selection Process

**Part 1: How can we assist you in applying
for AGWQP Grant Funds?**

**Part 2: What Representation Should the
Grant Funding Selection Panel Have?**

**Part 3: What Special Considerations Should
Be Given To Certain Applicants?**

*Stakeholder Input on rating scale of proposal components will be gathered in next workshops after preliminary draft guidelines are developed and required components are identified

Wrap Up

Discussion Summaries

Questions? Comments?

Please Fill Out Evaluations

www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/awqgp

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